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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 May 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 01 August 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on March 3, 2007 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:
- The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.
3. Claims 1-6 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The claim recites a dumb gateway device comprising: "a bus service interface configured to access all functionality and commands of said at least one bus system via said common network layer from an intelligent gateway connected to said common network layer." However, this is not supported by the specification. According to the specification, the bus service interface is configured to access all functionality and commands of another bus system, i.e. a bus system that is not directly connected to the bus service interface. The bus service interface for it's respective bus system accesses the functionality all functionality and commands directly, not via the common network layer(See Specification Page 14, Lines 6-14; "The physical devices

connected to a respective bus system can then communicate with the physical devices connected to another bus system by simply addressing the corresponding virtual device").

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 7-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Peter M Corcoron("Mapping Home-Network Appliances to TCP/IP Sockets Using a Three-Tiered Home Gateway Architecture," cited by Applicant).

6. Regarding claim 7, Corcoron discloses an intelligent gateway(Figure 5, Interface Gateway) for communicating between gateway devices(Figure 5, Siod; Page 734, Section 4.2.1, Lines 1-4), which respectively connect a respective bus system(Figure 5, HAS Network Medium), which comprises at least one physical device(Figure 5, HAS Devices), with a common network layer(Figure 5, Wide Area Network), comprising a static or dynamic possibility to provide at least one device presenter and/or at least one device emulator of at least one physical device to said common network layer(Page 732, RHC, Paragraphs 4-5).

7. Regarding claim 8, Corcoron discloses an intelligent gateway, characterized by a device manager that monitors bus events for new devices, which are posted on said common network layer (300), and finds, loads and assigns corresponding device presenters and/or emulators(Page 732, RHC, Paragraph 4; Page 734, Section 4.2.1).

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8. Regarding claim 9, Corcoron discloses an intelligent gateway, characterized in that said device manager loads device presenters and/or emulators from external sources (Page 734, Section 4.2.4, First Paragraph).

9. Regarding claim 10, Corcoron discloses an intelligent gateway, characterized in that a device presenter presents a real device on a bus system as a generic abstract device or service (Page 734, Section 4.2.4, First Paragraph).

10. Regarding claim 11, Corcoron discloses an intelligent gateway, characterized in that a device emulator emulates a device on a bus system based on a generic abstract device or service presentation (Page 734, Section 4.2.4, First Paragraph).

11. Regarding claim 12, Corcoron discloses an intelligent gateway, characterized in that said generic abstract device or service presentation is a presentation according to the Universal Plug and Play protocol set (Page 733, Section 3.3).

Response to Arguments

12. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-13 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nimesh G. Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-3640. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinehart H. Mark can be reached on 571-272-3632. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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